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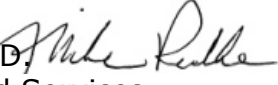
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEGS+ Authorized Officials and
Consolidated Application Main Contacts

FROM: Michael W. Radke, Ph.D. 
Director, Office of Field Services

SUBJECT: Process for Transitioning to a Title I, Part A Schoolwide Program

Annually, Title I, Part A Targeted Assistance schools meeting certain criteria are given an opportunity to transition to "Schoolwide Status." The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is announcing the criteria and process for making this transition.

In order to transition to Schoolwide, schools must first meet the 40% poverty rate eligibility criteria to apply to be a Schoolwide school, unless the school has been identified as a Priority or Focus school per Michigan's approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver. Priority and Focus Schools automatically become eligible to apply for Schoolwide status. For additional information, please review the **LEA/District Guidelines for Transitioning to Title I Schoolwide** included with this memo. All of the forms and information provided here can also be found on the Office of Field Services (OFS) website www.michigan.gov/ofc, click on Title I, Part A, under Programs.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) intending to transition schools into Title I Schoolwide status will be required to notify OFS using the **Intent to Transition to Schoolwide 2016-17** form found on the website. This form must be received prior to engaging in the planning process and no later than October 1, 2015. Completed forms should be submitted to SchoolwidePlan@michigan.gov or faxed to 517-335-2886.

Any school transitioning to Schoolwide must hire an approved facilitator from the OFS Schoolwide Facilitators list found on the OFS website www.michigan.gov/ofc, click on Title I, Part A, under Programs.

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LEAs may now apply for the Schoolwide Grant to help pay for this expense by completing the Title I Schoolwide Grant Application for 2016-17 form, and e-mailing the completed form to SchoolWidePlan@michigan.gov or fax to OFS at 517-335-2886 **by October 1, 2015.**

NOTE: The Title I, Part A Schoolwide Planning Grant will be awarded to the first 66 schools that apply. LEAs may also use Title I, Part A funding to hire the facilitator. This expenditure must be incorporated in to the 2015-16 Consolidated Application in the Michigan Electronic Grants System *Plus (MEGS+)*. Schools not applying for the grant, but planning to be Schoolwide for 2016-17, must still submit the Intent to Transition form no later than October 1, 2015.

All required School Improvement Plan components and required attachments: (School Parent Involvement Plan, School Parent Compact, and School Professional Development Plan), must be submitted in ASSIST by June 1, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact Fred Williams at 517-373-3743.